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The examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Regarding the Rejection over Okamura et al. in view of Amimori et al.

The rejection of claims 1-3 over U. S. Patent No. 6,104,530 to Okamura et al. in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,559,915 to Amimori et al is traversed for the following reasons.

Claims 1-3 of the present invention are to a Newton ring prevention film having projections that create surface roughness defined by certain specified parameters. A transparent electroconducting layer is on the surface of Newton ring prevention film, on the side on which the surface projections are formed.

Applicants have found that in this type of construction, the surface roughness of the prevention film is important to obtaining good Newton film prevention, while at the same time maintaining good electrical insulating properties between adjacent layers in the device. The effect of varying the RA/SM (average surface/interprojection spacing) ratio and